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MOU WITH FRENCH RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the French railways for upgrading Railway infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of benefit derived from such MoUs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Railways & Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer Francais (SNCF), the French National Railways in May 2008 for promoting technical cooperation in rail related projects of mutual interest. The identified areas of cooperation include signalling & telecommunication, rolling stock design & maintenance practices, development & operations of high speed rail projects, safety, information technology and research & development in rail sector.

(c): MoUs facilitate meetings of technical experts, visits to each others installations and facilities. Technical co-operation & resultant benefits of MoUs are an ongoing process, which enable exposure to latest technologies and best practices.